

## News briefs

### Traffic circle policy

The wing commander has directed drivers traveling from the direction of B-50 to not use the traffic circle outside the Spangdahlem Air Base main gate to move to the front of the line.

Drivers who observe violators should report them to the law enforcement desk at 452-6666, using the Traffic Complaint Program. Violators are subject to disciplinary action from their commander.

For more information, call the LE desk.

### Spangdahlem in *Airman*

Spangdahlem Air Base is featured in the July issue of *Airman* Magazine. Workcenters should receive copies of *Airman* Magazine.

People who would like a copy should call the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 452-6012.

### Air Force Ball

The Spangdahlem Air Base Air Force Ball takes place Sept. 6 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center.

The guest speaker for this year's ball, which is themed 55 Years of Pride, Patriotism and Freedom, is Gen. Gregory Martin, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander.

Ticket prices are \$15 for E-1 through E-6 and GS-1 through GS-7; \$20 for E-7 and above and GS-8 and above. There's an extra \$3 charge for non-club members. For tickets, call group representatives:

Wing staff agencies: 2nd Lt. Patrick Armstrong, 452-5980.

52nd Operations Group: Capt. Jennifer Ranous, 452-4060, or 1st Lt. Nancy Velie, 452-5608.

52nd Mission Support Group: Capt. Eduardo Quero, 452-6162, Capt. Julie Wende, 452-5036, or 1st Lt. Sean Carter, 452-9494.

52nd Maintenance Group: 1st Lt. Matty Garr, 452-6322, or 2nd Lt. Jason McFeaters, 452-6641.

52nd Medical Group: Capt. Donna Hornberger, 452-8155.

### AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants' Association Chapter 1681 holds its monthly general membership meeting Aug. 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the Spang Club. Members and those interested in joining are invited to attend. Light snacks and beverages will be served, starting at 11:15 a.m.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Bingman at 452-6703.

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# Eifel Times

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### Good morning, Spangdahlem

Staff Sgt. Deb Decker, AFN broadcaster, cues up a CD for her morning radio show, "Eifel Wake Up." Broadcasters at AFN Eifel stay busy by keeping the community informed through the Eifel News Minute, Eifel Radio News, E-notes and general, emergency and weather announcements. The maintenance side of AFN Eifel is responsible for fixing and preserving the towers, receivers and signals -- making sure everything runs smoothly behind the scenes.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

## Spang greets 479 new NCOs

### AF selects nearly 63 percent of eligible senior airman for promotion to staff sergeant

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — The Air Force has selected 19,448 of 30,880 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant, a 62.98 percent selection rate.

The Air Force released the promotion list Wednesday with the complete list of selectees posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site today.

The following Spangdahlem Air Base senior airmen were selected for staff sergeant:

#### 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Alberto Aguirre, Otis Allen, Richard Armpriester, James Bates, Kenneth Bradbury, Erin Brown, Derek Brueggen,

Damien Brushel, Kevin Buntman, Joseph Burton, Juan M. Cardenas Jr., Jared Cobb, Lisa Compton, Seth Crosland, James Deczynski, Michael Derusha, Marlon Eddie, Desarie Evelo, Gary Frank, Stephen Fredriksen, David French, Kent Furman, Freddie L. Gandy Jr., Michael Gentry, Anthony Goings, Christopher Gonyou, Gerald Gootee, Thomas Hannafin, Adam Lee Hartz, Miradith Hayes, Michael Horner, Gene Horrigan, Erik Howes, Robert Jackson, Cameron Jones, William Jones, Carl Kautz, Byron Kilbourne, Amos Kittelson, Daniel Kozlowski, Robert Kurz, Bryan Longfellow, Benjamin Loo, Brandon Markin, Robert Martin, Christopher McMillen, Robert McNiven, Clifford Millette, Shannon Mogenson, Aaron Morris, Jarid Morris, Ryan Mount, Daniel Mueller, Martin A. Noel Jr., Nathaniel Pierce, Christopher Rogers, Geoffrey Roth, Russell Rowe, Timothy Saxongwara, Troy Schmidt, Eric Shreiner, Paul Siracusa, James Smith, Daniel Solesbee, Adam Steinmetz,

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## Gas mask upkeep requires constant review

**By Airman 1st Class Rachel A. Sheppard**  
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron readiness

Most people just leave their gas masks in the bottom of their chemical gear bags and only pull them out for exercises or nuclear, biological and chemical defense training.

Unfortunately, that's not enough to properly care for the maintenance and inspection requirements of the gas mask.

That might not seem important; however, that same gas mask is the one people will use in a real-world situations, not merely in exercises.

Proper maintenance and inspection of gas masks requires they be cleaned and checked every six months and upon initial issue during peacetime. During wartime, they must be inspected before deploying and

every seven days thereafter.

Inspections ensure serviceability of masks at all times. Disbonding of the outlet valve assembly can happen overnight. Bacteria can accumulate in just a couple of minutes of wear. The bacteria and mold just fester if not cleaned after use. People may get sick the next time they wear the uncleaned mask.

Follow these procedures for cleaning and inspecting the mask:

■ Remove the head harness, canister, plastic lens outsert and outlet valve cover. Inspect the head harness for waves, curls, shredding and strings longer than half of an

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## Accidents

By John W. Keeler  
52nd Security Forces Squadron  
Reports and Analysis

Twelve Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, two of which were major.

The first was on B-51 near Rittersdorf. An airman was exiting B-51 when she lost control, slid off the road and hit a concrete sewage cover. There were no injuries, but her car had a damaged front bumper, side door and tire. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The second was at the intersection of L-46 and L-36. Security forces and Polizei found an airman failed to yield the right of way and collided with a local national on the priority road. Polizei took over the investigation, which is still pending. The airman received a swollen upper lip and chemical burns to the face from the deployment of the airbag. The local national suffered minor cuts, and chemical burns to his arm from the deployment of the airbag. Both vehicles were totaled.

■Nine from inattentive driving.

■One animal strike.

In addition, 54 citations were issued.

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### Furniture sale

The Eifel Furniture store on the Bitburg Annex holds a mega clearance sale Aug. 31 with savings of 5 to 75 percent.

### Runway closure meeting

A runway closure meeting takes place Aug. 29 at 3:30 p.m. in the operations group conference room. For more information, call wing plans and programs at 452-6845.

### SNCO induction ceremony

The 2002 Senior Noncommissioned Officer induction ceremony takes place Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. in the base fitness center. The guest speaker is the ninth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James C. Binnicker.

Call unit first sergeants, Master Sgt. Maurice Washington at 452-4998 or Master Sgt. Jeffrey Vanscoy at 452-6730 to reserve a seat.

### Military personnel flight hours

Wing military personnel flight agencies are open from 7:30 a.m. to noon daily for appointments only. Walk-in service is offered from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Call outbound assignments at 452-6817, promotions and testing at 452-6344, re-enlistments at 452-7876, awards and decorations at 452-6221 or enlisted and officer evaluations at 452-6221 for more information.

### Driver's safety training

The local conditions driving course takes place each Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in building 307. Scheduling for training is not required, but people who wish to get a U.S. Army Europe driver's license must attend this briefing before taking the driving test.

For more information, call Helmut Rass at 452-7233.

### Passport office

From Monday to Sept. 6, the passport office is open Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only. Call 452-5519 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### Volunteer retirees needed

The Bitburg Annex Army and Air Force Exchange Service seeks volunteer retirees to help with the "Still Serving" sales event taking place Sept. 20-22.

Veterans are encouraged sign up and share war stories, military memorabilia and to show that the retired community is "still serving." Call Penny Madison, exchange manager, at 06561-95150 to register or for more information.

### Limited hours at Plaques Plus

The Plaques Plus shop, located in building 189, provides limited service Sept. 3-25. The shop will be open regular hours during the limited service time period and staff will continue to take orders. However, customers placing orders should expect a three week delay in having their orders processed.

For more information, contact Plaques Plus at 06565-7120 or the Skills Development Center administrative offices at 452-6841.

### Artists wanted

The Moselle Dining Facility is looking for individuals interested in painting a mural in the dining facility. People are wanted to paint an A-10 and an F-16 to honor the wing's fallen pilots. Materials will be provided. Interested people should call Tech. Sgt. Jeanna Morgan at 452-6727.

### Spouses' meeting

The 52nd Communications Squadron Spouses' Group meets Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel Annex. For more information, call Patty Hutson at 06553-900331.

## Mask

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inch. Replace the harness if any of these are present. Inspect the plastic lens outsert for severe scratches that could impair your vision. If present, replace it. Inspect the rubber lens for yellow tint. Turn in the mask for another one if vision is impaired. Also, inspect for air bubbles or pockets in the silicone that glues the lens to the runner mask.

■Use warm water and mild liquid detergent to clean after each use. Do not use boiling water or alcohol wipes, since they can cause damage. Use a soft cloth or sponge. Do not use scrub, Brillo or SOS pads. Go around the mask and pull on each one of the rubber neck straps checking for elasticity. Inspect each buckle for rust. Inspect the side voicemitter for looseness. Apply pressure and try to gently turn the voicemitter and the retainer ring. If they move, retighten them with the "D" ring on the carrier strap after replacing the gasket under the voicemitter. Inspect the front voicemitter in the same manner. Turn the mask in for a new one if either the voicemitter or retainer ring is loose. On the front voicemitter there is a small black box used for communication with a Scope Shield radio. Wiggle it to make sure it's not loose. If it's missing, the mask is unserviceable. On the inside of the mask, in

the nose cup, is a small metal bar with two silver prongs pointing down. This is the other piece to the communication device. A microphone attaches there. If this piece is falling off or missing, the mask is unserviceable as well.

■Wipe clean the inside and outside of the mask. Look at the nose cup. At the top, one on each side, are nose cup valve disks. After donning the mask, ensure these pieces are still there. They are apt to fall out. Without nose cup valve disks, people aren't susceptible to contamination; however, the mask will fog up. On the side of the mask where the canister attaches is a black pinwheel. Through the pinwheel, there is a white disk. Reach on the inside and grab the white plastic deflector and pull it out of the mask. Then remove the pinwheel from the front of the mask. Inspect the plastic deflector for cracks and damage. The white rubber disk on the inside of the deflector should then be removed. Place it on a flat surface. Without touching it, lie it flat on the surface. If it bubbles up or has any defect, it should be replaced. The rubber pinwheel should be inspected for smoothness around the edges, rips, cuts or tears. Wipe under the nose cup at the outlet valve assembly. Studies have shown that even a single strand of hair in the bottom of the nose cup at the outlet valve assembly can prove fatal. Be sure

to inspect the outlet valve assembly (under the nose cup) for disbonding. If a mask has disbonded, replace it as soon as possible.

■Clean the drinking tubes. In the end of the external drinking tube is a silver plunger. Take a writing utensil and plunge the plunger to ensure it moves. If not, get a new mask. Since these tubes are pressurized, submerging them in the sink will not clean them out. Take the canteen and fill it with warm water and a cap full of bleach. Insert the outer drinking tube into the M-1 canteen cap. Place the mask in the sink. Turn the canteen upside down and force the water through. This is the best method for disinfecting the internal and external drinking tubes as well as the canteen. Don't forget to rinse the bleach water from the drinking tubes. Just fill the canteen again with plain water and force the water through. Do this twice.

In addition to maintaining and cleaning masks, there are three items required to be inside the gas mask carrier. They are:

■Department of Defense Form 1574 (yellow inspection tag)

■Copy of the gas mask fit test

■Waterproofing bag for the gas mask.

The DD Form 1574 is a serviceability tag. It's important that all of the information on it is correct. Ensure the correct stock

number is in the top, left square. For a short mask, it should read, 4240-01-415-4239; medium mask, 4240-01-415-4240; and long mask, 4240-01-415-4241. The users information should be annotated on the "inspection activity and inspector's name" section. Annotate inspections on the back of the card. This information should include the current date, inspector's initials and the date the next inspection is due.

Gas mask fit test documentation must also be in the carrier. This document is available from unit deployment managers or from the 52nd Medical Group bioenvironmental flight.

Finally, there must be a waterproofing bag in the mask carrier as well. Do not store food, gum, candy or cigarettes in this bag. Only when the mask canister is in danger of being saturated with water is it necessary to use the waterproofing bag. Masks can only be left in the bag for 24 hours at a time.

Any mask part that needs to be replaced is available through the logistic readiness squadron mobility and supply section in building 103.

Hopefully the need never arises to use gas masks in a real-world situation, but by taking care of them today, they can save your life tomorrow.

# Spang airmen receive Articles 15, courts martial sentences

*(Editor's note: Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice does not specify particular punishments for any offense. Commanders considering nonjudicial punishment factor in the nature of the offense; the record of the service member; the needs for good order and discipline; and the effect of nonjudicial punishment of the service member and the service member's record.)*

During July, 10 Spangdahlem Air Base airmen received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Also in July, four airmen were convicted in courts-martial.

## Articles 15

■ A staff sergeant violated Article 112 by being drunk on duty. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

■ A staff sergeant violated Article 86 by failing to return from leave on time. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$193 pay for two months and a reprimand.

■ A staff sergeant violated Article 112a by wrongfully using marijuana. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman and a suspended forfeiture of \$800

pay for two months. The airman is being processed for administrative discharge from the Air Force.

■ A staff sergeant violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$300 pay for two months and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman violated Article 112 by being drunk on duty and violated Article 92 by failing to obey a lawful order. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic, 21 days restriction, 21 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$342 pay and 14 days extra duty.

■ A senior airman violated Article 92 by being derelict in the performance of assigned duties. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman first class, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ An airman first class violated Article 111 by driving drunk and Article 134 by

fleeing the scene of an accident. The commander imposed a reduction to airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$619 pay for two months and a reprimand.

■ An airman violated Article 86 by failing to report to work on time. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman basic and 45 days extra duty.

## Courts-martial

■ An airman from the 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands, was found guilty and sentenced in a summary court-martial here July 11.

Senior Airman Eric M. Summerall was found guilty of wrongfully communicating a threat, in violation of Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Summerall was sentenced to 24 days confinement, reduction to airman basic and forfeiture of \$400 pay.

■ An airman from the 52nd Security Forces Squadron was found guilty by a judge and sentenced in a special court-martial here July 23. Airman Basic Courtney Guy was found guilty of wrongfully using marijuana, unlawfully entering the quarters of another airman and failure to go to his appointed place of duty,

in violation of Articles 112a, 134 and 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Guy was sentenced to 115 days confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

■ An airman from the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was found guilty and sentenced in a summary court-martial here July 25.

Airman 1st Class Michael Morris was found guilty of wrongfully using marijuana and percocet on multiple occasions and of knowingly making a false official statement, in violation of Articles 112a and 107 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Morris was sentenced to 20 days confinement and reduction to airman basic.

■ An airman from the 606th Air Control Squadron was found guilty by a judge and sentenced in a special court-martial here July 26.

Airman 1st Class Bradley Frederick was found guilty of wrongfully using marijuana and mushrooms containing psilocybin on multiple occasions in violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Frederick was sentenced to confinement for three months, a bad conduct discharge and reduction to airman basic.

## Eifel Elite

### Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Airman 1st Class Cherie Orban  
**Unit/duty title:** 52nd Comptroller Squadron customer service representative  
**Hometown:** Somerset, Penn.  
**Time in service:** One and a half years  
**Off duty volunteerism/professional development pursuits:** Just Airmen Program and pursuing a college degree.  
**What do you do for fun?** Whitewater rafting is my favorite sport. I also enjoy travel.  
**What do you like most about being stationed here?** The fact that Spangdahlem Air Base is a great starting point for travel.  
**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** I think that keeping up with quality of life issues could always be a focus. Support for outdoor recreation, for example longer hours at the facility, is a good focal point to improve or at least maintain.  
**Supervisor's comments:** "Airman 1st Class Orban provides exceptional finance customer service to the base populace and five geographically-separated units attached to Spangdahlem AB. She is instrumental in contributing to the processing of more than 3,100 military pay documents per month with a 96 percent accuracy rate. Serving as a primary on the permanent change of station travel voucher team, Airman 1st Class Orban ensures more than 150 newcomers per month receive proper military pay entitlements and travel voucher payments. Her professional dress and appearance, as well as impeccable customs and courtesies, provide a positive first impression of the wing to new Team Eifel members. Furthermore, she represents all base airmen on the JAM council, serving as the special events coordinator," said Staff. Sgt. Patrick Morris, Orban's supervisor.

Airman 1st Class Cherie Orban files travel vouchers. Orban is the wing's Top Saber Performer of the Week.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

### Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 52nd Fighter Wing Command Post  
**Unit responsibilities:** The 52 FW Command Post is the command and control hub for the wing commander. They ensure rapid response to a variety of emergency and contingency situations by providing timely notifications to emergency personnel and senior staff. The command post receives and responds to emergency action messages from U.S. Air Forces in Europe, European Command and Strategic Air Command Europe, quickly upchanneling all operation reports to higher headquarters within moments of reportable incidents. They stand up and man the support arm of the wing battle staff providing exercise and contingency support. The team also tracks the wing's senior staff and provides a continuous link 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to commanders on base.  
**Number of members:** 21 enlisted, two officers, two contractors  
**Team's latest contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** The command post increased the wing's ability to perform effective command and control by developing and presenting unit control center training for all squadrons. They supported the base during recent aircraft mishaps, directing the flow of communications throughout the first critical hours after the accidents. The team continues to provide information to the entire wing through real world Battle Staff Directive dissemination.  
**Team's other contributions throughout the year:** The command post manned the battle staff around the clock for the months following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. They issued numerous BSDs and responded to more than 100 quick turnaround USAFE suspenses. They supported the geographically-separated units, developing a comprehensive process to ensure 100 percent GSU notification. The command post is active in the base community and as a unit has supported the Kick Back and Read Program at Bitburg Middle School and served charge of quarters duty for the Airman Against Drunk Driving Program.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Staff Sgt. Jennie Altheimer, command and control journeyman, processes emergency action traffic Aug. 12. Altheimer is a member of the Top Saber Team of the week.

# Staff

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## 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron

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## 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Jason Atchley, Michael Bartels, Wayne Beauchamp, Mathew Berry, Daniel Brown, Cynthia Buckmaster, Graham Chapman, Aaron Chromicz, Robert Coward, Stephani Danner, Conone Davis, Roger Deshaies, Stephen Dunham, Gregory Dunn, Kyle Eickhoff, Timothy Ewt, Brendan Fagan, Christopher Feldhaus, Eric Grant, Justin Harris, Johnny Hudson, Melissa Hudson, Joseph Huebsch, Jeannette Johnson, Christopher Jones, Joshua Jonker, Matthias Jung, Crystal Lafoon, Christina Lamantia, David B. Lambert Jr., Kekumu Chan Lozada, John Maine, Robert Martin, John McCauley, Michele McClain, John Meyer, Andrew Morford, Amanda Mowrey, Shawn Neighbor, Kirk Nemeth, Wesley Nimmo, Kenneth Oldson, Anson Lee Pablo, Andrea Paul, Steven Peterson, Caery Poland, Joshua Raveed, Leonides Rivera, Ryan Rustong, Michael Schaefer, Brian Sevy, Charles Simmons, Marcell Smalls, James Spinner, Ivan Sterpin, Karl Stilchen, Adam Sweeney, Carlos Villanueva and John Walentowski.

## 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron

Derek Bishop, Anwond Boykin, Jason Friday, Jeremy Johnson, Jamil Jordan, Saly Lam, Jayson Minio and Krista Thomas.

## 52nd Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel, Belgium

Christopher Bingham, Jeremy Coleman, Jason Conley, Lenin Contreras, Tasha Croak, Misty Dawson, Collin Dwyer, Andrew Fox, Tammy Holland, James Lacasse, Letitia Lacasse, Christopher Leighton, Jamie Long, Matthew Moxley, Adam Mufford, Monica Negron, Danielle Polfliet, Jose Ramirez, Jose R. Rios III, Randy Sampson, Joseph Scott, Cameron Sogge, Chance Story and Brian Valentine.

## 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel, Netherlands

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## 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel, Germany

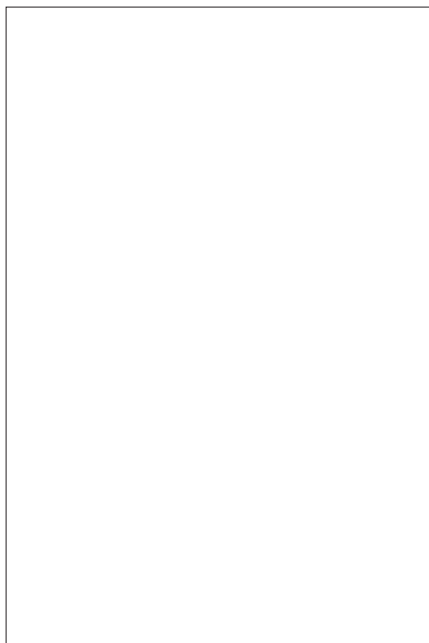
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## 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Andrea Bixler, Rafael Villanis and Jason Willis.

## 52nd Dental Squadron

Rebecca Allen, Nader Chebaro, Irene Noriega and



Staff Sgt. Cindy York

**Senior Airman Tanya Vinson, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, gets congratulated after finding out she made staff sergeant Wednesday morning.**

Shanna Pelletier.

## 52nd Medical Operations Squadron

Melinda Adams, Sara August, Gayla Chambers, Jennifer Hoadley, Linda Lambert, Cynthia Mawer, Christine Smith, Ericka Vankoughnet and Lorylee Willis.

## 52nd Medical Support Squadron

Mandy Bollinger, Jamar Long, Jason McDonald, Haley Singler and Haupt Williamson.

## 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

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## 52nd Communications Squadron

Aubrey Anthony, Caleb Blake, Jason Borrero, Jason Bright, Christopher Brooks, David Chapman, Christine Gilbert, Jessica Hildebrand, Nicola Hines, Kenneth Johnson, Jessica Lorenc, Nicholas Mazzarella, Charles Peters, Frances Peterson, Donald Pillay, Justin Sande, Matthew Smith, Michael Sprague, Kodee Turnbull, Erich Warren and Kelly Wright.

## 52nd Comptroller Squadron

Renea Merth, Kevin Moye, Edward Savage, Tanya Vinson and Natisha Waller.

## 52nd Contracting Squadron

Julie Gavin

## 52nd Fighter Wing

Robert Bertholf, Stephanie Hish, Jason McKinney, Charles Nelson, John Rhoads and Aisha Trinidad.

## 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Joseph Addison, Claudia Arana, Daniel Borowski, Kaly Borowski, Stacey Brim, Patrick Cripps, Timothy Debie,

Sherida Dragon, Christine Dunning, Shella Duque-Daffern, Jolene Dzubella, Casey Flood, Matthew Flores, Edward Gonzalez, Coretta Green, Travis Hill, Mars Hinton, Jeffrey Hosmer, Dana Karry, Eric McKee, Robert Melton, Larry J. Mikinka Jr., Cathy Parton, Samuel Peele, Todd Raymond, Theodore Seibold, Antwyon Smith, Debra Spivey, Matthew Thrune, Cory Vrieze, Janice Wheeler and Jose A. Ybarra Jr.

## 52nd Mission Support Squadron

Lillian Barnes, Rianna Beal, Jennifer Fies, Amy Francis, Michael King, Frederic Sanon and John Terry.

## 52nd Security Forces Squadron

Julane Lei Bentley, Kevin Bentley, Thomas Crews, Chester Daffern, Luke Darche, Denise DeJesus, Sterling Fernandez, Lissie Fulsom, Robert Hardesty, Kyle Jackson, Thomas Konzem, Monique Martinez, Denise Moller, Scott Moller, Brian Morgan, Henry Munoz, Ricky A. Purdy Jr., Jose Rascon, Vashon Sandifer, Timothy Stewart, James Swain III and Bryan Trulson.

## 52nd Services Squadron

Machellia Fields, Cynthia Lewis, Ann Mitchell, Christopher Oliver, Brandi Ray and Leslie Whitehead.

## 470th Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen

Juliet Bates, Stacey Cordetti, Kelly Cox, Adilah Everett, Jessica Gibson, Daniel Hubner, Astar Monroe, Gabriel Reams, Jeffrey Roberts and Brandi Tomlinson.

## 22nd Fighter Squadron

Patrick Roberts

## 23rd Fighter Squadron

Curtis Jackson, Misty Ruse and Terence Zelek.

## 52nd Operations Support Squadron

Aaron Bachmeier, Aaron Goetsch, Shane Groth, Nolan Hildebrand, Sarah Knoll, Matthew Ludwig, John E. Nagy Jr., Kristan Piccolo, Armando Ruano, Douglas Ryan, Melissa Simmons, Patrick Simmons, Alex Steyr, Jonathan Stewart and Gerald Valdez.

## 606th Air Control Squadron

Carlitos Burgos, Cynthia Butler, Sean Byers, Gregory Cornelison, Emerson Drain, Armando Flores, Bethany Gibson, Kirk Guevara, Brian Guillory, Eric Haupt, Guillermo Hernandez, Veronica Jaworski, John Lovell, Philip McLawhorn, John Osle, Robert Palmer, Justin Phelps, Harold Rivera, Ingrid Ruffin and Rickey Walkes.

## 81st Fighter Squadron

Robert Jenkins, Surita Rorie and Marquis Simon.

## NATO AWACS Geilenkirchen, Germany

Colby Allen, Latoya Baber, Patrick Bowman, Anthony Bracali, Justin Carwile, John Carl Festejo, Matthew Hodas, Susan Larson, David Eason, Keith Lewis and Ronald Winkler.

"This is great news for the Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, enlisted promotion and military testing branch chief. "The message to our young airmen is that their hard work and tremendous sacrifice, particularly during this past year, is being rewarded. The Air Force believes in them and wants to capture their potential to serve as noncommissioned officers. It's very exciting to see these young professionals step up to the challenge of that next stripe."

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices by the end of August, allowing them to see just how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they are directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

Individuals can also get an electronic copy of their score notice by clicking on "vMPF" at the AFPC Web site. The average score for those selected was 264.06 points based on the following averages: — 130.37 Enlisted Performance Reports — 54.16 PFE — 52.11 SKT — 15.63 time in grade — 10.79 time in service — .058 decorations

The average selectee has 1.64 years time in grade and 4.35 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September 2002 to August 2003. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



# Figuring out the aft fuel cell

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By Capt. Angela Johnson  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The leak took only seconds for the pilot to recognize, but almost a week to fix. During a recent preflight of an A-10, fuel was seen leaking out of the bottom of the jet.

Immediately after the leak was found, the fuels shop was called out to evaluate the problem.

"The shop is responsible for evaluating any fuel system problem that happens on Spangdahlem's A-10s and F-16s and in the case with this A-10, we determined there was a fuel leak," said Tech. Sgt. Lynn Martin, fuel system superintendent.

Using the technical order to evaluate the situation, the team decided the plane needed to be grounded.

"We saw a cavity drain leak, so the plane is automatically grounded until it is either stopped, repaired or replaced," said Martin.

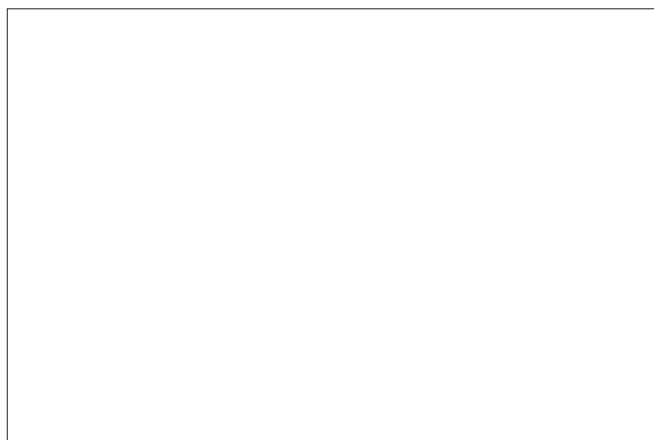
It was determined that an aft (rear) fuel cell needed to be changed out; no easy task. Commanders and maintainers compare this

job to both a jigsaw puzzle and brain surgery. According to the crews in the fuel shop who do the work, the forward cell is even more difficult.

"It is major maintenance to change out any fuel cell," said Martin. "Once you have a cavity drain leak, you usually have to pull the cell out. That takes about 72 hours of work to get it out, get the cavity inspected and repaired if it has to be, and put the new cell back in and all of the plumbing."

Two crews of three people working 12-hour shifts ensure the change can be done quickly and the plane is put back on the line.

The aft fuel tank holds 3,200 pounds of fuel which must be drained before removing the inside piping and foam. The entire rubber cell is filled with a puzzle of foam and piping. When taking apart an A-10 aft fuel cell, for removal from the jet, it is important maintainers follow the proper steps and wear protective gear since the fuel is held within the foam. The gear includes full-face respirators, fuel coveralls and gloves. An oxygen analyzer and explosion



Photos by Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

**52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuel systems shop works to repair an aft main fuel cell on an A-10 Thunderbolt II assigned to the 81st Fighter Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base.**

limits meter, commonly called a sniffer, is also used to ensure the safety of those working around it.

Besides all of the precautions that must be taken to ensure safety, the A-10 fuel cell is also a little more time consuming and challenging because it has self-sealing areas.

"If there's a leak in those areas, repairs must be sent away for depot-level maintenance," said Senior Airman Dan Dunlap, fuels systems journeyman. "In this case, we had to get a new fuel cell, so the change out will take approximately one week."

"The self-sealing areas are mainly on the bottom one-third of the tank and that is where they think they will take most of the gunfire from. Basically, there is a material that will expand when fuel hits it and it will

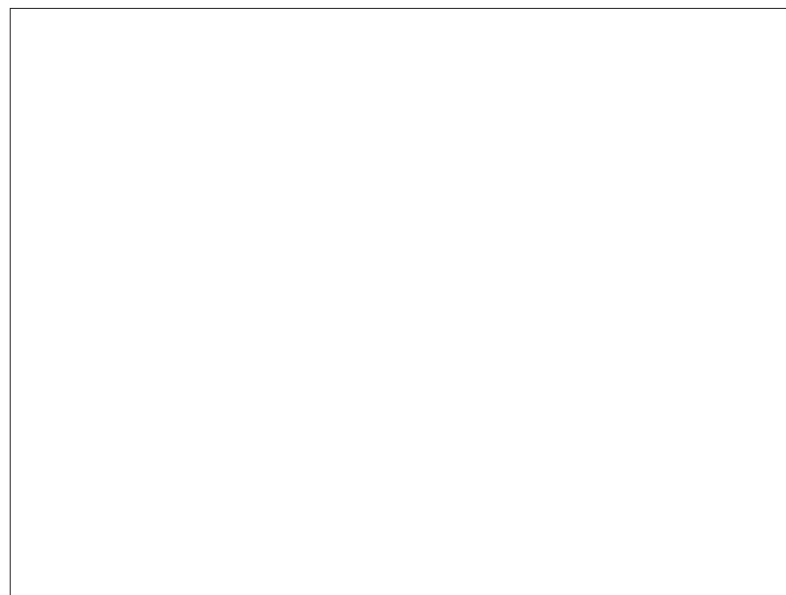
stop the fuel from leaking for about 24 hours," said Martin. "This will get the pilot and the plane out of the area."

To ensure that the cell is working properly after being re-installed, operations checks are run as well as a static leak test. This ensures that no fuel is leaking and the parts are all functioning properly.

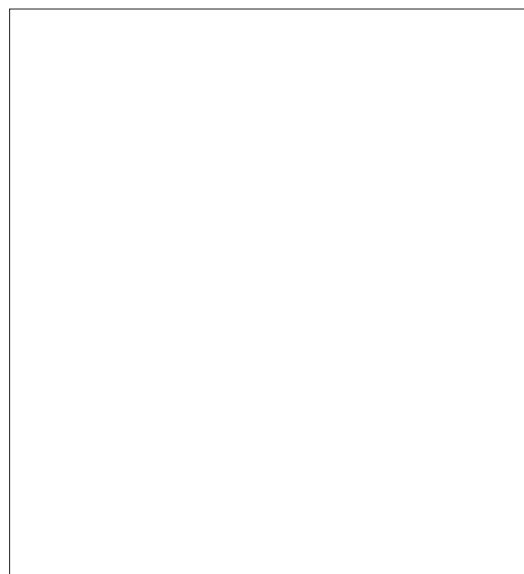
Luckily, aft fuel cell changes don't occur daily. The last aft fuel cell change was six months ago, but with the aging fleet, more will likely be needed, according to Martin.

When the fuel systems teams aren't changing out fuel cells they are fixing other types of fuel leaks, responding as part of the hydrazine response team and working on F-16 fuel tank build-ups.

The fuels shop is always a buzz and the puzzles never end.



Airman 1st Class Chris Edmonds, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuel systems apprentice, hands fire suppression foam from an aft main fuel cell to Senior Airman Tim Nickerson. Edmonds and Nickerson are working to replace an aft main fuel cell from an A-10.



Staff Sgt. Obed Brown, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuel systems journeyman, inspects an aft main fuel cell. Brown is part of the aircraft fuel systems shop working to replace an aft main fuel cell from an A-10.

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**From the IG**

## Spangdahlem Air Base enters 'Warfighter Week'

### Exercise evaluation team hopes to prepare wing members for possible situations

**By Maj. Dale "Buck" Larkin**  
52nd Fighter Wing  
Inspections deputy chief

By the time you read this, you should be winding down from the Phase I Euro-Lightning practice exercise. You may or may not have heard that there will be something called "Warfighter Week" Monday through Aug. 23 instead of the originally planned Phase II exercise.

So you may be asking, just what is this "Warfighter Week", and what should I expect from it? Well, here are our answers.

Warfighter Week will be an opportunity for us to focus on honing skills that will ensure success in both exercises and any real-world situation that may arise.

A recurring theme in our previous exercises has been a lack

of awareness across the wing of how to react to many scenarios that will be presented to us in both the operational readiness inspection and the tactical evaluation.

And while we want the wing to do well on the upcoming evaluations, we also want to make sure that every member of Team Eifel is ready to deploy at a moment's notice if called to support an air expeditionary force deployment or the ongoing Operation Enduring Freedom. But, before jumping to any conclusions about this being two straight weeks of exercising, read on.

During the Warfighter Week, the wing Exercise Evaluation Team will be traveling around to all the units on base to give focused training in the various skills that we call Individual Common Core

Skills. These skills include knowing how to react to alarm signals, changing Mission Oriented Protective Posture and Force Protection Condition levels, self-aid and buddy care, basic fire-fighting skills and many others.

In addition to the above events, we will be working on smoothing out our deployment processing. Ensuring the entire mobility machine runs smoothly starts with you, the individual.

This week will provide extra opportunities to make sure your mobility folder is perfect, and you have all the required training, medical checks, immunizations and documentation to be ready to deploy when needed.

How can you prepare for this training week? The best thing you can do is to read, from cover to cover, both your Airman's Manual and the Survive To Operate Guide, AF Handbook 32-4014, Vol 4. Most of the information you need is covered in these two pamphlets.

What our EET members will give you is situations to help you apply that knowledge, and improve your skills in these areas. We will be looking for you to assess the situation, and then take action on it.

We will try to make the situations as accurate as possible, so don't try to question the realism of the simulation. If you are not sure what to do, you will be free to consult the manuals listed above - so have them available.

If you are still saying to yourself, "Not another week of exercises!" that is not what we have planned. You should be able to conduct your normal routine, with only a few interruptions each day for these kinds of events.

Keep your focus on your daily mission, and be ready to drop what you are doing to act when the time comes. The end goal of better readiness to deploy and succeed on our upcoming evaluations will then be ensured.

## IG office offers perspective into Euro-Lightning exercise concept

**Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Edwards**  
52nd Fighter Wing Inspector General Office

It has become painfully obvious that the wing has fallen into a, "That's the way we have always done it," mentality.

To be a deployed combat-ready force in less than 72 hours takes an educated team effort. The emphasis is on educated.

During our latest Phase I exercise, I discussed the Euro-Lightning process with many Spangdahlem AB members to get non-retributive feedback. I asked questions such as, "What do you think of the exercise?" and "What can we do better as the Exercise Evaluation Team?"

From this experience, I can tell you to be careful of what you ask — you just might not get the answer you expect.

It seems that many people out there don't understand the Euro-Lightning concept. Others vented their frustration in their answers because they didn't understand what was going on around them.

The feedback included such responses as, "Why aren't the scenarios more realistic?" and

"We never wear chemical gear during a Phase I!" But, the No. 1 question I was asked was, "Why do you guys (52nd FW/IG) keep changing the rules?"

Wow, I was taken aback at first until I remembered those were some of my concerns when I was working in the fighter-squadron world not so many weeks ago. Here's the answer to the questions as I see them from a wing inspector point of view.

Why aren't the scenarios more realistic? Unfortunately, terrorists are unpredictable and aren't known to follow the rules. What may seem unrealistic to some, could very well happen.

So I ask, where is it written that Spangdahlem AB will never be attacked during a Phase I? Where does it say that we are exempt from the bad guys exposing us to radioactive or chemical threats? Have we gotten to the point that we believe we are invincible within the Eifel region? If by making Team Eifel more aware of potential threats means we need to change the rules and practice mass reactions to terrorist activities, then we'll do it.

Once again the, "That's the way we have always done it," mentality rears its ugly head and I want to open eyes to the stark reality of terrorism. Who really thought that someone would use commercial aircraft as weapons against America?

We conduct all exercises based on Air Force, U.S. Air Force in Europe and 52nd Fighter Wing criteria.

Have you read the USAFE "Euro Lightning" Phase I Operational Readiness Inspection Criteria, dated December 2001? For more information on where the wing inspector general office gets its exercise ideas from, read AFI 90-201, "Inspector General Activities," the USAFE Supplement, Addendum C to the USAFE Supplement, the Base X Support Plan and the 52nd FW/IG link on the base intranet. Believe me, we are inspecting you based on established criteria.

Please get the word out to every level. Once the troops out there sweating in the trenches understand the criteria, we will get more buy-in and a better team effort. Then, if for some reason our objectives are questioned, we can make an effort to get our message across.

## Community Mailbox

### Life-saving skills class

The American Red Cross offers an infant and child CPR class Aug. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Cost is \$26. Registration deadline is Wednesday.

Call 452-9440 or 452-9241 for details.

### MOPS trip

Mothers of Preschoolers visits Daun Animal Park Wednesday. All parents and children of any age are welcome to join the trip. Cost is 3 euro for children 5 and older and adults. Travelers will caravan from the Spangdahlem Air Base commissary parking lot at 10 a.m. or people can e-mail spangmops@yahoo.com for directions to meet the group at the park. Call Darla Kelly at 06562-974239 for more information.

### School news

■The Spangdahlem Elementary School Parent, Teacher and Student Association seeks new members. Cost is \$3.50 for a single member or \$6 for couples. Membership forms are available at most school functions or by e-mailing linda\_mcclemens@eu.odedodea.edu.

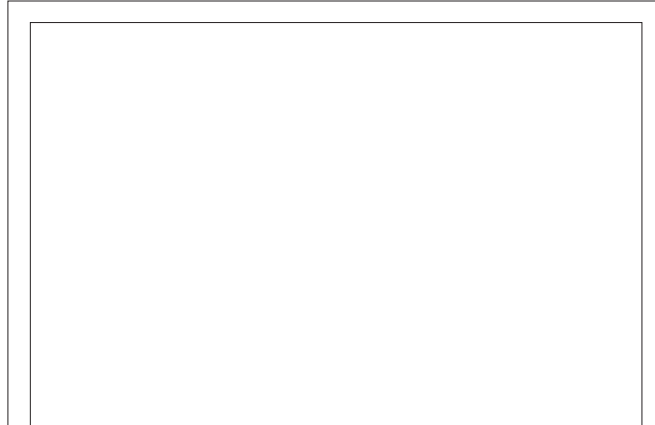
■New student orientation takes place Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in Bitburg High School. Weather permitting, an optional walking tour of downtown Bitburg follows the orientation. The activity is especially designed for students new to the Eifel region.

■Parents who haven't registered students for the new year should visit the school office to complete the necessary documents. Classes begin Aug. 26 at all schools.

For more information, call SES at 452-6881, SMS at 452-7205, Bitburg Elementary School at 452-9215, BMS at 452-9310 or BHS at 452-9337.

### Chapel news

■The Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel parking lot closes each Friday at 4:30 p.m. The Bitburg Annex Chapel parking lot closes each Saturday at 7:30 p.m. They reopen each Monday morning. Additionally,



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

### Get in there ...

Staff Sgt. David Hattaway, 606th Air Control Squadron, uses a mallet to align strips of glued cedar and spruce he'll use to build a wooden wall shelf for his spouse Cindy, seated. The base wood shop offers design blueprints, tools, wood and advice for making furniture, plaques and more. The shop is on the second floor of building 189 and is open Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 06565-955980 for more information.

they close the night before chapel special events. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel office at 452-6711 for details.

■The Spangdahlem AB Chapel new weekly service, "Sunday Night Life," begins Aug. 25 at 5 p.m. Child care for infants, and classes oriented for young children and youth are provided. Call Elaine Strozier at 06565-955898 for details.

### Spiritual retreat

The Military Council of Catholic Women in Europe spiritual retreat takes place Oct. 6-11 in Willingen, Germany. The theme is "The Spirituality of Imperfection."

The \$250 registration and event fees include conference materials and speaker sessions. An initial payment of \$50 is due Sept. 1. The remaining \$200 is due Sept. 15.

Pick up forms and make payments at the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel. Call 452-6711 or 452-6281 for more information.

### La Leche league

New mothers meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex hospital conference room. Meetings are open to

mothers who are interested in or are currently breastfeeding. Nurslings and children are welcome to attend. Call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 or Alice DaFoe at 06561-683893 for details.

### Family support news

The family support center offers the following classes in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307, unless listed otherwise. Call 452-6894 for more information.

■Pre-separation consultation, Aug. 26 from 9-10:30 a.m.

■Pre-deployment briefing for active duty and family members, Sept. 3 from 8-9 a.m.

■Federal employment workshop, Sept. 3 from 9-11 a.m.

■Mutual funds seminar, Sept. 3 from 6-8 p.m.

■Local employment, Sept. 5 from 1-3 p.m.

■German bills made easy, Sept. 5 from 8-9:30 a.m.

The family support center offers the following classes on Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9424 for more information.

■Transition Assistance Program, Aug. 27-30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■Pre-deployment briefing for active duty and family members, Aug. 28 from 8-9 a.m.

■Veteran's Affairs briefing, Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.

■Home buying, Sept. 5 from 6-8 p.m.

■Pre-deployment briefing for active-duty and spouses, Sept. 3-4 from 8-9 a.m.

■Travel to Cologne by train for the military community, Sept. 6 from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet at the Bitburg Annex commissary.

### Education center news

The 52nd Mission Support Squadron Education Center is located in Spangdahlem Air Base building 192. Call 452-6063 for more information.

■Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University corporate and business aviation class begins Aug. 30. Basic algebra begins Aug. 24. Call the field representative at 452-7553 for details.

■City Colleges of Chicago offers various associate in arts degrees through distance learning. Call the field representative at 452-7558 for details.

### Library links

The Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex library Web site now offers information on educational, patriotic and global topics through the base intranet. To get there, click on "Links" and then the "On Base" link. Call the base library at 452-6203 or the Bitburg Annex branch at 452-9056 for details.

### Pet care

■The 52nd Services Squadron Pet Spa provides pet care services to include kenneling, grooming, training, pet supply sales and veterinary services for military community pets. The office is located in Oberweis Annex building 1044. It's open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Call 452-9362 for more information.

■The Army Veterinary Treatment Facility primarily provides care for military working dogs, but also provides medical care for military community pets. The clinic also often has kittens, cats and other animals available for adoption. Call 452-9388 for more information.

## Der Markt

## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

### Bitburg Castle

#### Today

*Hey Arnold! (PG)*

Animated. Arnold is up against a powerful industrialist who buys-out the city so he can construct a huge "mall-plex." Can Arnold and his best friend Gerald find the document that can stop the bulldozers? (Thematic elements.)

#### Saturday

*Hey Arnold!*

#### Sunday

*Enough (PG-13)*

Slim tries to escape her abusive husband, but he pursues her relentlessly. Ultimately, she decides that there's only one way out of the marriage. (Violence, sensuality and language.)

#### Closed Monday and Tuesday

#### Wednesday

*Hey Arnold!*

#### Thursday

*Insomnia (R)*

A veteran police detective is sent to a small Alaskan town to investigate the murder of a teenage girl. Forced into a psychological game with the primary suspect, events escalate and the detective finds his own stability dangerously threatened. (Language, violence and nudity.)

### Spangdahlem Skyline

#### Today

*Men in Black II (PG-13)*

Kay and Jay reunite to provide the Earth's best, last and only line of defense against a sinister seductress who levels the toughest challenge yet to the MIB's untarnished mission statement: Protecting the earth from the scum of the universe. (Sci-fi action violence.)

*Men in Black II*

#### Saturday

*Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G, 4 p.m.)*

Animated. A wild and rambunctious mustang stallion journeys through the untamed American frontier. Encountering man for the first time, Spirit defies being broken, even as he develops a friendship with a young Lakota brave. The courageous young stallion also finds love with a beautiful paint mare Rain on his way to becoming one of the greatest unsung heroes of the Old West.

*Sum of All Fears (PG-13)*

European neo-Nazi terrorists get their hands on a lost nuclear device, and set about on their plans to use it at the Super Bowl. The plan is to disguise the attack as being caused by Russia, in the hopes of rekindling the Cold War. Luckily young CIA analyst Jack Ryan is on the case. (Violence and language.)

*Men in Black II*

#### Sunday

*Undercover Brother (PG-13)*

#### Monday

*Undercover Brother*

#### Tuesday

*Men in Black II*

#### Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.

# Pig out in Wittlich this weekend

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

If an ancient legend applies, the people in Wittlich will make sure to catch every pig in town this weekend. Then, they'll roast them on a spit and eat the pork during a four-day festival.

The traditional Pig Burner's Festival begins today at 10 a.m. with the opening of a craftsmen's market on the city's Lieserplatz. The market opens each day of the festival, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A large-scale amusement park, located in the Schlossplatz area, offers rides and booths, beginning at 7 p.m. after the Wittlich-Bombogen band kicks off musical entertainment near the giant Ferris wheel.

From 9 p.m. to midnight people can enjoy brass music, provided by the Wittlich Orchestra in the town's main market square, where most of the major activities take place throughout the weekend. Some of those events include concerts, roasting of more than 100 pigs, wine tasting, singing, dancing and more.

Local residents will put on a play at 9:15 p.m. in the city park, after which they'll have a torch light procession through the streets of Wittlich. This is meant to recreate the circumstances of the legend of the Pig Burner's Festival.

Legend says Wittlich was once a walled fortress, constantly under attack by invaders.

One evening a guard charged with locking the gate to the besieged town couldn't find a peg to secure the fortified door. He could only find a large carrot to wedge in the door. Later, a pig ate the carrot, the gate opened and the enemy came in.

After the enemy ransacked the town, the angry townspeople herded every pig into the town's market square and roasted them. Since then, the town of Wittlich has been known as the town of the pig burners.

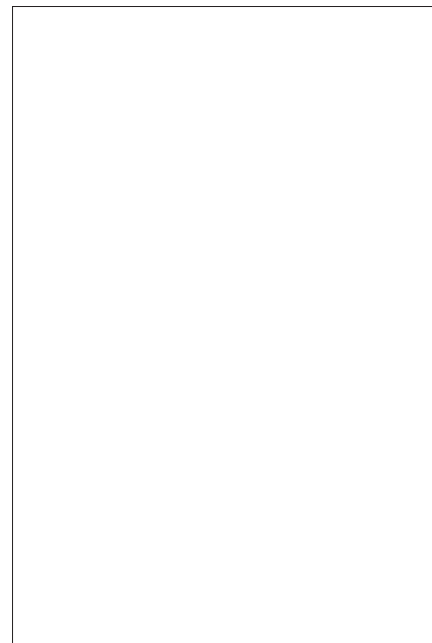
The first of the festival celebrations begin Friday at 10 p.m. in the market square.

The first pigs will be brought to the market square Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on a horse-drawn wagon. Following the wagon is a festive parade, with bands and people dressed up in medieval customs. The parade starts off at Kurfuerstenstrasse, goes through Schloss Strasse, continues through Karrstrasse and ends in the market square. People can stand along the roads to watch the traditional parade.

The official festival welcome takes place Saturday at 3 p.m. in the market square. Following the speeches, the first pork meals will be available. As is the case with many European festivals, visitors first buy tickets for 3.60 Euro, which are exchanged for the delicious pork. Tickets can be purchased at the tourist information office's window in the market square, across the street from the pork booth.

Between 3:30 and 7 p.m., numerous local bands will play music. Dance and show music begins at 9 p.m. in the main market square. The Second Run band performs music on a second stage, which is located in the Pariser Platz area, around the corner from the market square.

Activities continue Sunday with both brass band and jazz music in the market square and on Pariser Platz. Music will



File photo by Iris Reiff

**The Wittlich Pig Burner's Festival takes place this weekend. More than 100 pigs will be roasted during the event.**

be performed throughout the day on both stages. The Thomas Siessegger band will provide new pop and classic music, beginning at 9 p.m. and continuing into the next morning in the market square. The Gooseflesh band also plays at 9 p.m. on Pariser Platz.

Monday's activities include a concert by the Wittlich brass orchestra from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the main market square. Children's entertainment takes place in the market square from 3-4 p.m. Local bands perform from 5-7 p.m. on both stages. Dance and show music kicks off at 9 p.m. and goes through the next morning. Music is also provided by The Celebration and The Tropicals bands in the market square and on Pariser Platz.

ITT hosts a bus ride to the festival Saturday. A bus will leave from the Bitburg Annex commissary parking lot at 2 p.m. and from the Spangdahlem Air Base commissary parking lot at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 3-12. The bus will return around midnight. Call 452-6567 for more information or to reserve a seat.

A German shuttle bus service will also be available for people residing in the local villages. To find out information about shuttle pick-up locations and times, call public bus service at 06571-7141 or the city of Wittlich at 06571-17106.

## Eifel Sports World

### EMS, CES victorious

By Senior Master Sgt. Andy Flores  
52nd Services Squadron

The Spangdahlem Air Base men's and women's softball championships wrapped up Aug. 9 when the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron handled the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron 29-22 in the men's division. The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

women's squad whipped the 22nd Fighter Squadron 26-6.

The men's championship was an exciting game as both teams reached the six home run limit early in the game.

In the fifth inning, EMS started to run away with it, pounding hit after hit. LRS fought back in the sixth inning to stay close, but EMS power was too tough to handle.

The women's game proved to be exciting as well in the first couple of innings. Both teams fought hard with the Big 22 leading going into the bottom of the third inning. Then, helped out by the 22nd's pitching woes, CES broke it wide-open with a 15-run inning. The Big 22 fought hard even after losing four starters before the championship game.